

## BOY SCOUTS PITCH WEEK-END CAMP

Visitors to Rock Creek Park Can See How Lads Live in Open.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY EXPECTED BY TONIGHT

Z. A. Briggs to Get Eagle Badge. Moses Discusses Filkins' Resignation.

The week-end camp of the Boy Scouts of America was pitched last evening in Rock Creek Park so that visitors can get a splendid view of how the boys get up their camp and enjoy themselves in the open.

The camp is located on the high road of Rock Creek Park so that any one following the park road to the east from the junction of Military road and Daniel's road can readily find the place of encampment. The scoutmasters in charge of the camp are ready to welcome visitors to the place, and they say they hope the Washington public will avail themselves of the opportunity to see how clean and orderly a roadside camp can be gotten up.

Seventy-seven in Camp.

Seventy-seven troopers went into camp this morning. Forty seven of them went out for bird study in groups at daybreak and also for a cool plunge. It is expected there will be 150 in camp tonight, when campfires are lighted. Sunday services are to be conducted tomorrow. At the camp tonight Z. A. Briggs, Troop 37, is to be presented with his Eagle Scout badge. The presentation address is to be made by C. H. Livingston, president of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

"I notice in yesterday's paper a statement concerning the resignation of C. N. Filkins, scoutmaster of Troop No. 43, wherein the chief reason given is the fact that \$4 per week is charged for one week in camp. The statement was made by the custom last season," said A. C. Moses, president of the Washington council of the organization. "Our plans were placed before the scoutmasters of the District at a meeting held December 23, 1913, at the New Willard Hotel. After discussion of every phase of the camp plans the increase was unanimously agreed upon. Mr. Filkins being present."

"A very careful statement of the amount of money needed for the ensuing year was published several times prior to tag day, April 5. Our 1914 camp prospectus was published and was in the hands of every scout and scoutmaster previous to tag day; therefore every scout and scoutmaster was well informed. Not a protest was heard."

Summer Camp on Bay.

"Our summer camp on Chesapeake bay will be equipped plainly but sufficiently to make its maintenance comfortable for the boys. Last year a fund was provided by one of the officers of our council for scouts in good standing not able to attend the camp otherwise, and every boy who applied was sent to camp. This offer still holds good this year."

"Parents generally know that under the present high cost of living good, wholesome food for growing boys cannot be provided and properly prepared by well trained camp cooking at less than \$4 per week. We believe that the assistance of such noted men as Charles A. Eastman, Dan Beard and Ernest Thompson Seton, all of whom will be in our camp at some time this season, is of exceptional importance to the boys, and that this season in camp will on this account mark an epoch in the lives of the boys in attendance."

It is true that our scoutmasters give of their time and money in return for nothing but the knowledge of work well done. We appreciate most thoroughly the work of these loyal men."

Eleven names ratified.

Senate Confirms Nominations to the Federal Service.

The Senate has confirmed the following nominations:

Bo Sweeney to be assistant secretary of the interior.

Bert Hanson to be assistant attorney general for the conduct of customs cases.

Arthur Bailly-Blanchard to be minister to Haiti.

Charles B. Curtis to be second secretary of the embassy at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Louis A. Sussdorf, Jr., to be third secretary of the embassy at Paris, France.

Hallett Johnson to be third secretary of the embassy at Constantinople, Turkey.

Elbridge Gerry Greene to be third secretary of the embassy at London, England.

Frederic Ogden de Billier to be secretary of the legation at La Paz, Bolivia.

Warren D. Robbins to be secretary of the legation at Guatemala, Guatemala.

William Walker Smith to be secretary of the legation and consul general of Bangkok, Siam.

John C. White to be secretary of the legation and consul general at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

TABLET TO WIRELESS HERO.

Alumni Association of New York School Honors Ferdinand J. Kuehn.

NEW YORK, May 23.—A tablet to the memory of Ferdinand J. Kuehn, the youthful wireless operator of the Old Dominion steamship "Monroe," was unveiled in public school No. 40, on the East Side, yesterday. The tablet is a gift from the alumni association of the school, of which young Kuehn was a member.

Kuehn gave up his life belt to a woman passenger of the "Monroe" in the collision with the steamship "Nantuxet," January 30, and so lost his life.

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL FAIR.

Alexandria County Courthouse to Be Used June 12.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

CLARENDON, Va., May 23.—William A. Butler of Georgetown has been appointed by the board of supervisors as inspector of electrical works at Alexandria county.

Prof. W. T. Hodges, superintendent of Alexandria county public schools, has arranged to have a county school fair June 12, for which the supervisors have granted the use of the Alexandria county courthouse. Mr. Hodges will endeavor to have Gov. Mann of Richmond, Va., make an address on that occasion.

Members of the Episcopal church of Cherrydale have obtained the services of Evangelist Weston Bruner, for many years pastor of Fifth Baptist Church in Washington, to conduct a revival from June 14 to 24.

F. S. Corbett has exchanged his estate at Arlington, Va., for a thirty-thousand-dollar farm near Lynchburg. He leaves the first of the week for his new home.

WILL DISCUSS UNION PLAN.

United Presbyterian Assembly Considering Amalgamation.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., May 23.—The annual meeting of the United Presbyterian General Assembly will be held here, beginning May 27. R. M. Russell, president of Westminster College, the moderator will preside until the next week.

At the same time, the general assembly will be held in the city of New York. It is understood that the names of a number of leading ministers of the church will be placed in nomination for the moderatorship.

On important matters to be discussed will be the union of the church north and south, a question which has been pending for many years in Atlanta, Ga., when the general assemblies held a joint session. Final action is expected this year.

NO LONGER SUPERVISOR.

R. B. Buckley of Fairfax County, Va., Resigns Place.

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VIENNA, Va., May 23.—Chairman R. B. Buckley of the Fairfax county board of supervisors resigned as supervisor for Centerville district Monday and Judge J. B. Thornton appointed D. Lee Sanders of the same district as his successor.

Mr. Buckley has been appointed postmaster in his home town, Clifton, and felt he could not give proper attention to his new office and the work of the board.

The Vienna town election will take place June 9. Mayor Leon L. Freeman has declined to run again, and the councilman candidates on his ticket will be all the members on the present council with the exception of John M. Newlon, in whose place W. D. Dixon has been named. At the same time, in J. W. Echols' law office, Mr. Newlon was nominated for mayor and A. W. Hollenbeck, T. W. Reeder, John D. Maffett and W. C. Hutchison for councilmen.

The public school will close June 3, when a declaration contest will be given at Boston's Hall at 8 p.m.

The Vienna school board now has a clear title to the land on which the schoolhouse is to be erected and still has been recorded. About two years ago a flaw was discovered and the delay in correcting it was occasioned by the necessity of obtaining the signature of a woman traveling in Europe.

At the day of the circuit court a special grand jury, with J. W. Anderson as foreman, returned true bills of indictment against Lawrence Petty for breaking into the railway car of W. W. Hall for seduction under promise of marriage, and James A. Webb for desertion and non-support. Captives were awarded against Hall and Webb who were not in custody, and the case against Petty was set for trial next Monday.

Mary J. Downey qualified as executrix of the will of W. T. Downey.

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